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# EDITORIAL

## National Security Body Is Functioning in Amity

While conditions in sensitive areas of the world have not improved, conditions within the National Security Council, the repository of this nation's grand strategy, have noticeably improved.

This is credited to the fact that the three key personages in the National Security Council are dedicated men, non-partisan, articulate and able to communicate with each other. Oddly enough the three come from Boston, where they also occupied a high strata of respect for ability and accomplishment in the old tradition. And all three also are graduates of Harvard.

They are Christian Herter, who is the voice in the council for the State Department; Robert Amory Jr., the voice of the Central Intelligence Agency; and Robert Cutler, who runs the NSC and is the voice in it of President Eisenhower.

One factor contributing to the excellent teamship displayed is that none of the three have future political ambitions.

In the cabinet a similar question does not prevail. Since Arthur Burns, former highly articulate chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers has left, there is none to take on and neutralize the ebullient, personality-radiating George Humphrey, secretary of the Treasury, with the result that Humphrey is exerting preponderant influence, since no one is talking back to him.

This fact in all probability explains White House backing and filling over the 1958 fiscal budget of \$71.8 billions, the largest peacetime budget in history. The President seems now to have been talked into taking a vacillating position on his own budget, and surrendering leadership to its critics.

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